GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3353
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IRRIGATED LAND IN RAJASTHAN
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have assessed the percentage of irrigated land in the country including Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details of States which are lagging behind in achieving national average of irrigation capacity;

(c) the steps taken proposed to be taken by the Government to bridge the gap of irrigation capacity of Rajasthan compared with the adjoining States i.e. Punjab and Haryana; and

(d) the additional irrigation facilities likely to be provided to Rajasthan during the Tenth Five Year Plan ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a) & (b) The Net Sown Area (NSA) and the Net Irrigated Area (NIA) are assessed by the Ministry of Agriculture on year-to- year basis. The percentage of NIA with respectof NSA as assessed for the year 1997-98 (latest) is 38.42% for the country as a whole and is 31.75% for Rajasthan. Details of the States, which are lagging in achieving National average of irrigation percentage are given in Annexure − 1.

(c) & (d) Irrigation being a State subject under Entry 17of list − II of the seventh schedule of the constitution, all irrigation schemes are conceived, planned, investigated and executed by the States from their own plan resources. As such, the additional irrigation facilities likely to be created in Rajasthan during the Tenth Five Year Plan will depend on the financial resources made available by the State to the Irrigation Sector. Central Government plays a catalytic role of a facilitator in this endeavour of the States. However, since 1996, in order to create additional irrigation capacity, Government of India is also implementing Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) providing Central Loan Assistance (CLA) to the States to expeditiously completeselected ongoing Major & Medium projects, which are at the advance stage of construction. Under the programme Rajasthan has received a CLA of Rs. 466.17 crore upto the end of 2001- 02 for 10 of its projects.

Annexure -1

ANNEXURE REFERED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NUMBER 3353 TO BE ANSWER THE LOK SABHA ON 15-04-2002.

State-wise details of Net Irrigated Area (NIA), Net Sown Area (NSA) and percentage of NIA to NSA for the States lagging behind i achieving the National Average

(In thousand hectares)

Sl.No	States	Net Sown Area (NSA)	Net Irrigated Area (NIA)	% of NIA to NSA
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	185	36	19.46
2.	Assam	2751	572	20.79
3.	Goa	141	24	17.02
4.	Gujarat	9600	3042	31.69

5.	Himachal Pradesh	558	105	18.82
6.	Karnataka	10075	2363	23.45
7	Kerala	2271	350	15.41
8.	Madhya Pradesh	19940	6304	31.61
9.	Maharashtra	17761	2567	14.45
10.	Meghalaya	207	47	22.71
11.	Mizoram	109	8	7.34
12.	Nagaland	251	62	24.70
13.	Orissa	6122	2090	34.14
14.	Rajasthan	17075	5421	31.75
15.	Sikkim	95	16	16.84
16.	Tripura	277	35	12.64
17.	West Bengal	5465	1911	34.97
Total of the specified States		92883	24953	26.86
Total of all States		141884	54493	38.41
Total UTs		137	70	51.09
All India Grand Total		142021	54563	38.42

Note: Figures are as per Land Use Statistics brought out by the Ministry of Agriculture for the year 1997-98 and are Provisional.